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Dear Pete Wishart MP,

Bank closures: impact on local businesses, consumers and the Scottish economy

As you may be aware, the Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee published a report on 3 July 2018 on the impact of bank closures on local businesses, consumers and the Scottish economy. The Committee’s findings are highlighted in the Executive Summary at the beginning of the report, which can be found at the following link:


I have followed the Scottish Affairs Committee’s work in this area with interest and note the Committee’s report of 29 August 2019 on access to cash in Scotland.

I am writing to highlight that the Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee has agreed to follow-up on its report recommendations by holding a one-off evidence session. This is likely to be scheduled for December and I will be happy to update the Clerks on the details for this session.
I hope that you find the Committee’s findings and recommendations interesting. I would be grateful if you could keep the Committee informed on any further work that you plan to undertake to address these important issues.

Kind regards

Gordon Lindhurst MSP
Convener